

Supporting Information

Stabilising Peptoid Helices Using Non-Chiral Fluoroalkyl Monomers

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Materials and general methods

All chemicals and solvents were analytical grade and used without further purification.

Liquid chromatography (LC)-mass spectrometry (ESI-MS) analyses were performed on a Acquity UPLC BEH C₁₈ 1.7µm (2.1mm x 50mm) columm using a Waters Acquity UPLC system equipped with a photodiode array detector, providing absorbance data from 210 nm to 400 nm. A gradient with eluent I (0.1% HCOOH in water) and eluent II (0.1% HCOOH in acetonitrile) rising linearly from 5 to 95% of II during *t*=0.2–4.0 min was applied at a flow rate of 0.6 ml min⁻¹ after 0.2 min of 95% solvent I equilibration. Analytical HPLC was performed on a X-Bridge C₁₈ column (5.3µm, 4.6 x 100 mm, 40°C) using a Pelking-Elmer 200 series Ic system supplied with autosampler, UV/Vis detector and a Peltier column oven. A linear gradient rising from eluent III (95:5:0.05% H₂O:MeCN:TFA) to 100% of eluent IV (5:95:0.03% H₂O:MeCN:TFA) during *t*=30 min plus 5 min of isocratic IV elution from *t*=30–35 min was applied at a flow rate of 1 ml min⁻¹. Detection was performed in all cases at λ =220nm.

Semi-preparative HPLC purification was performed on a Discovery Bio wide pore C₁₈-5 column from Supelco (5 µm, 25cm × 10 mm), using a Pelking-Elmer 200 lc pump coupled to a Waters 486 tunable absorbance detector settled up at λ =220nm. A gradient with eluent V (95:5:0.1% H₂O:MeCN:TFA) and eluent VI (5:95:0.1% H₂O:MeCN:TFA) was applied where solvent VI was firstly rose linearly from 0 to 100% during *t*=60 min and finally maintained isocratically for 5 min at a flow rate of 2 ml min⁻¹.

High-resolution QToF-LC/MS analyses were performed on a Acquity UPLC BEH C_{18} 1.7µm (2.1mm x 50mm) columm using a Waters Acquity UPLC system coupled to Micromass QToF Premier mass spectrometer, also equipped with a photodiode array detector providing absorbance data from 210 nm to 400 nm. A gradient with eluent I (0.1% HCOOH in water) and eluent II (0.1% HCOOH in acetonitrile) rising linearly from 0 to 99% of II during *t*=0.0–5.0 min was applied at a flow rate of 0.6 ml min⁻¹.

NMR spectra studies were recorded on a Varian VNMRS-700 NMR spectrometer at 298 K. Depending on the sample, ¹H-NMR has been obtained at 600-700MHz using 2-8 scans with a relaxation delay of 10s between them. ¹³C-NMR has been obtained at 151-176MHz (1000-1208 repetitions, 2.5-3.0s of relax. delay) and bi-dimensional ¹H-¹H NOESY experiments have been run with a minimum mixing time of 150 ms, a spectral width between 6,000-8,000Hz in both dimensions and a minimum of 2 transients with 2x200 increments. Final minimum FT size = 2048 x 2048 points. Independent ¹⁹F-NMR has been performed in at 376MHz in a Bruker Advance spectrometer. All data has been processed using Mestrenova® software, and chemical shifts are reported in p.p.m., relative to deuterated solvent peaks as internal standards (δ H, CDCl₃: 7.26 p.p.m.; δ C, CDCl₃ 77.16 p.p.m., δ H, CD₃CN 1.94 p.p.m.; δ C, CD₃CN 1.32 p.p.m.; δ H, CD₃OD: 3.34 p.p.m.; δ C, CD₃OD 49.00 p.p.m.).

The X-ray single crystal data for *cis*-12 and *cis*-13 has been collected using λ MoK α radiation (λ =0.71073Å) on a Bruker D8Venture (Photon100 CMOS detector, I μ S-microsource, focusing mirrors) diffractometer equipped with a Cryostream (Oxford Cryosystems) open-flow nitrogen cryostats at the temperature 120.0(2)K. Both structures were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least squares on F2 for all data using Olex2^[1] and SHELXTL software.^[2] All non-disordered non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, hydrogen atoms were placed in the calculated positions and refined in riding mode. Disordered atoms of minor disorder component in structure *cis*-12 were refined isotropically. Occupation factors of atoms of disordered fragment were fixed as 0.8 and 0.2, structure *cis*-12 was refined as a merohedral twin (0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 -1). Crystal data and parameters of refinement are listed in Supplementary Tables 5 and 6. Crystallographic data for the structures have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publications CCDC-1567326-1567327.

CD spectra studies have been carried out at 24°C in a Jasco J-1500 spectrometer, provided with a MCB-100 mini circulation bath from the same brand. All samples were recorded as the average of 2 scans (1.00 nm data pitch, continuous scanning mode, 50 nm min⁻¹ scanning speed, 3 nm bandwidth) using a QS high precision cell with 0.1cm of path length from Hellma Analytics.

Model piperinidyl monomer synthesis

Synthesis of 2-bromo-1-piperidinyl ethanone: 0.5g of bromoacetyl bromide (2.73 mmol) in anhydrous $CHCl_2$ (5mL) were added drop-wise to a pre-chilled solution of piperidine in dry $CHCl_2$ (2.48 mmol, 20mL) placed under Argon. Once the addition was completed the final mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature for 1 hour before being washed twice with water (20 mL), with a 10% Citric Acid solution (20 mL) and $NaHCO_3$ sat.(20

mL). The final organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent evaporated under reduced pressure, leading to the desired 2-bromo-1-piperidinyl ethanone as a dark brown oil (80% yield). No further purification was done before the next step. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 3.86 (s, 2H), 3.59 – 3.53 (m, 2H), 3.47 – 3.41 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.52 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.24, 48.08, 43.44, 26.33, 26.22, 25.50, 24.40. HR-ESI/MS: Expected *m/z*: 205.01 (100%), 207.08 (97.03%), observed: *m/z*: 206.02, 207.96 [M+H⁺].

Bromine displacement and monomer acetylation: 300 mg of 2-bromo-1-piperidinyl ethanone (1.46 mmol) were dissolved in anhydrous CH_3CN (20 mL) and the solution cooled to 0^0C under Argon. 1.2 equivalents of the desired amines in the same solvent (A1-A5, 1.75 mmol, 10 mL) were then slowly drop-wise added, the final mixture allowed to warm up to room temperature and finally let to react overnight. When amines were employed as hydrochloride salts, triethylamine was previously added to their solutions (Et₃N, 3.5 mmol). CH₃CN was evaporated and the oily residue dissolved in 10 mL of CHCl₂. Then, 0.5 mL of acetic anhydride (5.28 mmol) and 0.475 mL of N, N-diisopropylethylamine ((i-Pr)₂EtN, 2.77 mmol) were added and let to react for 30 minutes. Once accomplished, the mixture was washed with 10% citric acid (15 mL), NaHCO₃ sat. (15 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Removal of the solvents in vacuum yielded to a yellow-to-brown oil that was directly deposited on silica for appropriate purification.

Product purification: Final purification of the desired products was achieved by silica gel flash chromatography with a gradient of AcOEt in hexane from 0-100%. Column elution was followed by TLC chromatography. Fractions containing single spots corresponding to the same retention times were joined together, evaporated under reduced pressure and analysed by LC-MS, ¹⁹F-NMR and ¹H-NMR in order to verify their identity. In all cases between 25 and 60mg of the oily pure target products were collected for NMR analysis. Final isolated yields: **10**: 37mg, 95.4% purity, 16.6% yield; **11**: 44mg, 95.9% purity, 12.5% yield; **12**: 54mg, 97.5% purity, 14.5% yield; **13**: 49mg, 96.2% purity, 12.2% yield; **14**: 59mg, 95.62% purity, 13.4% yield.

Model piperinidyl-acetamide characterization and NMR analysis

General procedure for NMR characterization: For NMR analysis, typically 20 mg of the pure compounds were dissolved in 0.7 mL of the corresponding deutered solvent, $CDCI_3$, CD_3CN or CD_3OD and then filtered and degassed prior to analysis. For each sample a full set of experiments was done, where ¹H-NMR, ¹H-¹H NOESY, ¹H-¹H COSY and ¹H-*psyche* were used in order to assign independently the proton signals arising from the *cis* and the *trans* isomers, as well as for the analysis of spatial contacts. In fluorinated systems ¹⁹F-NMR was further employed to obtain a second independent estimation of K *cis/trans*. Characterization for both isomers was completed by ¹³C-NMR, ¹H-¹³C HSQCAD and when needed ¹H-¹³C HMBCAD in order to achieve full carbon assignation.

NMR data and characterization of model compounds 10-14:

10: Ac-Et-pip.



HRMS: calculated for C₁₁H₂₁N₂O₂ 213.1603 [M+H]+, found: 213.1616 Da.



Figure S-1. Structure, HR (QToF)-LC/MS trace and elemental composition of model piperinidyl acetamide 10.

¹H NMR (700 MHz, Acetonitrile-*d*₃) Rotamer *trans*: δ ¹H NMR: 4.09 (s, 2H, H₄, *trans*), 3.51-3.36 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq}, *trans*), 3.33 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, H₅, *trans*), 2.04 (s, 3H, H₆, *trans*), 1.66-1.43 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq}, *trans*), 1.12 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 3H, H₇, *trans*); Rotamer *cis*: δ ¹H NMR: 4.10 (s, 2H, H₄, *cis*), 3.51-3.36 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq}, *trans*), 3.27 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, H_{5,cis}), 1.84 (s, 3H, H_{6,cis}), 1.66-1.43 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq}, *cis*), 1.00 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 3H, H_{7,cis}).

H₂, ori, H₇, trans), <u>(Cotainer ors.</u> 6 H14kint, 4.10 (s, 211, H₄, c_{is}), 5.51 5.50 (m, 41, H_{3,ax4eq,cis}), 5.27 (q, 6 = 1.2 H₂, 211, H_{5,cis}), 1.84 (s, 3H, H_{6,cis}), 1.66-1.43 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax4eq,cis}), 1.00 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 3H, H_{7,cis}). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, Acetonitrile-*d*₃) <u>Rotamer trans</u>: δ ¹³C NMR: 46.37, 43.50 (CH₂, C_{3,trans}); 46.93 (CH₂, C_{4,trans}), 44.80 (CH₂, C_{5,trans}); 27.02, 26.40, 25.19 (CH₂, C_{1-2,trans}); 21.26 (CH₃, C_{6,trans}); 13.88 (CH₃, C_{7,trans}); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ ¹³C NMR: 50.35(CH₂, C_{4,cis}), 46.28, 43.79 (CH₂, C_{3,cis}), 42.47 (CH₂, C_{5,cis}); 27.07, 26.44, 25.13 (CH₂, C_{1-2,cis}); 21.86 (CH₃, C_{6,cis}); 13.12 (CH₃, C_{7,cis}); <u>Quaternary carbons</u>: δ ¹³C NMR: 171.71, 170.84, 167.31, 167.25.



Figure S-2. ¹H-NMR spectrum of compound **10** recorded in *acetonitrile-d*₃ at room temperature.

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Figure S-4. ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 10 recorded in acetonitrile-d₃ at room temperature.

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Figure S-5. ¹H-¹H NOESY spectrum of compound **10** recorded in *acetonitrile-d*₃ at room temperature. Insets showing the specific spatial contacts that are characteristic of each isomer and allowed the identification of *cis* and *trans* signals.



Figure S-6. ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum of compound 10 recorded in *acetonitrile-d*₃ at room temperature.



Figure S-7. ¹H-¹³C HSQC spectrum of compound **10** recorded in *acetonitrile-d*₃ at room temperature



Figure S-8. ¹H-¹³C HMBC spectrum of compound 10 recorded in *acetonitrile-d*₃ at room temperature.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, Methanol-d₄) Rotamer trans: δ^{1} H NMR: 4.21 (s, 2H, H₄, trans), 3.57-3.45 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq}, trans), 3.43 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, H₅, trans), 2.16 (s, 3H, H₆, trans), 1.76-1.52 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq}, trans), 1.19 (t, J=7.2 Hz, 3H, H₇, trans); Rotamer cis: δ^{1} H NMR: 4.30 (s, 2H, H₄, cis), 3.57-3.45 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq}, cis), 3.37 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H, H₅, cis), 1.96 (s, 3H, H₆, cis), 1.76-1.52 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq}, cis), 1.09 (t, J=7.2 Hz, 3H, H₇, trans). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Methanol-d₄) Rotamer trans: δ^{13} C NMR: 47.65 (CH₂, C₄, trans), 46.99, 44.34 (CH₂, C₃, trans),

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Methanol-*d*₄) Rotamer *trans*: δ ¹³C NMR: 47.65 (CH₂, C₄, *trans*), 46.99, 44.34 (CH₂, C₃, *trans*), 45.84 (CH₂, C₅, *trans*), 27.25, 26.63, 25.40 (CH₂, C₁₋₂, *trans*), 20.88 (CH₃, C₆, *trans*), 13.67 (CH₃, C₇, *trans*); Rotamer *cis*: δ ¹³C NMR: 50.87 (CH₂, C₄, *cis*), 46.84, 44.52 (CH₂, C₃, *cis*), 43.65 (CH₂, C₅, *cis*), 27.44, 26.74, 25.34 (CH₂, C₁₋₂, *cis*), 21.49 (CH₃, C₆, *cis*), 12.87 (CH₃, C₇, *cis*); Quaternary carbons: δ ¹³C NMR: 174.14 (CO-CH₃, *cis*), 173.40 (CO-CH₃, *trans*), 168.30 (CO-pip, *trans*), 168.16 (CO-pip, *cis*) ppm.



Figure S-9. 1H-NMR spectrum of compound 10 recorded in methanol-d₄ at room temperature.









Figure S-12. ¹H-¹H NOESY spectrum of compound **10** recorded in *methanol-d*₄ at room temperature. Insets showing the specific spatial contacts that are characteristic of each isomer and allowed the identification of *cis* and *trans* signals.



Figure S-13. ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum of compound **10** recorded in *methanol-d*₄ at room temperature.



Figure S-14. ¹H-¹³C HSQC spectrum of compound **10** recorded in *methanol-d*₄ at room temperature.



Figure S-15. ¹H-¹³C HMBC spectrum of compound 10 recorded in *methanol-d*₄ at room temperature.

¹**H NMR (700MHz, Chloroform-***d***)** <u>Rotamer trans</u>: δ ¹H NMR: 4.13 (s, 2H, H_{4, trans}), 3.52-3.48 (m, 2H, H_{3,eq,trans}), 3.44-3.38 (m, 2H, H_{5,trans}), 3.38-3.34 (m, 2H, H_{3,ax,trans}), 2.13 (s, 3H, H_{6,trans}), 1.63-1.49 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq,trans}), 1.15 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 3H, H_{7,trans}); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ ¹H NMR: 4.01 (s, 2H, H_{4,cis}), 3.52-3.48 (m, 2H, H_{3,eq,cis}), 3.44-3.38 (m, 2H, H_{5,cis}), 3.38-3.34 (m, 2H, H_{3,ax,cis}), 1.96 (s, 3H, H_{6,cis}), 1.63-1.49 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq,cis}), 1.06 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 3H, H_{7,cis}).

¹³C NMR (176 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) Rotamer *trans*: δ ¹³C NMR: 46.11, 43.18 (CH₂, C_{3, trans}); 46.02 (CH₂, C_{4, trans}), 44.05 (CH₂, C_{5, trans}); 26.37, 25.54, 24.53 (CH₂, C_{1-2, trans}); 21.05 (CH₃, C_{6, trans}); 13.6 (CH₃, C_{7, trans}); Rotamer *cis*: δ ¹³C NMR: 49.61 (CH₂, C_{4, cis}), 45.84, 43.48 (CH₂, C_{3, cis}); 42.17 (CH₂, C_{5, cis}); 26.58, 25.62, 24.43 (CH₂, C_{1-2, cis}); 21.67 (CH₃, C_{6, cis}); 12.81 (CH₃, C_{7, cis}); Quaternary carbons: δ ¹³C NMR: 171.11, 170.62, 166.51, 165.82.







Figure S-17. ¹H-psyche spectrum of compound 10 recorded in chloroform-d at room temperature.



Figure S-18. ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **10** recorded in chloroform-*d* at room temperature.



Figure S-19. ¹H-¹H NOESY spectrum of compound **10** recorded in chloroform-*d* at room temperature. Insets showing the specific spatial contacts that are characteristic of each isomer and allowed the identification of *cis* and *trans* signals.



Figure S-21. ¹H-¹³C HSQC spectrum of compound **10** recorded in chloroform-*d* at room temperature.

11: Ac-1fEt-pip.



HRMS: calculated for C₁₁H₂₀FN₂O₂ 231.1509 [M+H]+, found: 231.1525 Da.



Figure S-22. Structure, HR (QToF)-LC/MS trace and elemental composition of model piperinidyl acetamide 11.

¹**H NMR (700MHz, Acetonitrile-***d*₃) <u>Rotamer trans</u>: δ ¹H NMR: 4.55 (dt, *J* = 47.3, 5.0 Hz, 2H, H_{7,trans}), 4.15 (s, 2H, H_{4,trans}), 3.63 (dt, *J* = 25.9, 5.0 Hz, 2H, H_{5,trans}), 3.47-3.34 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq,trans}), 2.07 (s, 3H, H_{6,trans}), 1.74-1.37 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq,trans}); <u>Rotamer *cis*</u>: δ ¹H NMR: 4.48 (dt, *J* = 47.5, 5.2 Hz, 2H, H_{7,cis}), 4.19 (s, 2H, H_{4,cis}), 3.55 (dt, *J* = 25.6, 5.2 Hz, 2H, H_{5,cis}), 3.51-3.30 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq,cis}), 1.89 (s, 3H, H_{6,cis}), 1.74-1.37 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq,cis}).

¹³**C** NMR (176 MHz, Acetonitrile-*d*₃) Rotamer *trans*: δ^{13} C NMR: 83.06 (d, J = 166.3 Hz, CH₂, C_{7,trans}); 50.31 (d, J = 20.3 Hz, CH₂, C_{5,trans}), 47.70 (CH₂, C_{4,trans}), 46.33, 43.54 (CH₂, C_{3,trans}), 26.98, 26.38, 25.16 (CH₂, C_{1-2,trans}), 21.59 (CH₃, C_{6,trans}); Rotamer *cis*: δ^{13} C NMR: 83.46 (d, J = 164.7 Hz, CH₂, C_{7,cis}), 51.94 (CH₂, C_{4,cis}), 48.22 (d, J = 21.0 Hz, CH₂, C_{5,cis}), 46.26, 43.83 (CH₂, C_{3,cis}), 27.01, 26.41, 25.1 (CH₂, C_{1-2,cis}), 21.69(CH₃, C_{6,cis}); Quaternary carbons: δ^{13} C NMR: 172.70 (CO-CH_{3,cis}), 171.66 (CO-CH_{3,trans}), 167.02 (CO-pip,*trans*), 166.99 (CO-pip,*cis*).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Acetonitrile- d_3) <u>Rotamer trans</u>: δ : -223.21 (tt, J = 47.3, 25.9 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ : -222.72 (tt, J = 47.5, 25.7 Hz).









Figure S-26. ¹⁹F-NMR spectrum of compound **11** recorded in *acetonitrile-d*₃ at room temperature.



Figure S-27. ¹H-¹H NOESY spectrum of compound **11** recorded in *acetonitrile-d*₃ at room temperature. Insets showing the specific spatial contacts that are characteristic of each isomer and allowed the identification of *cis* and *trans* signals.



Figure S-28. ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum of compound 11 recorded in acetonitrile-d₃ at room temperature.







Figure S-30. 2D ¹H-¹³C HMBC spectrum of compound 11 recorded in *acetonitrile-d*₃ at room temperature.

¹H NMR (700MHz, Methanol-*d*₄) <u>Rotamer trans</u>: δ ¹H NMR: 4.60 (dt, J = 47.3, 4.9 Hz, 2H, H_{7,trans}), 4.29 (s, 2H, H_{4,trans}), 3.72 (dt, J = 26.1, 4.8 Hz, 2H, H_{5,trans}), 3.55-3.43 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq,trans}), 2.18 (s, 3H, H_{6,trans}), 1.74-1.51 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq,trans}); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ ¹H NMR: 4.53 (dt, J = 47.5, 5.0 Hz, 2H, H_{7,ck}), 4.40 (s, 2H, H_{4,ck}), 3.65 (dt, J = 26.1, 5.0 Hz, 2H, H_{5,cis}), 3.58, 3.42 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq,cis}), 2.00 (s, 3H, H_{6,cis}), 1.74-1.51(m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq,cis}). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, Methanol-*d*₄) <u>Rotamer trans</u>: δ ¹³C NMR: 82.95 (d, J = 167.8 Hz, CH₂, C_{7,trans}); 51.18 (d, J = 20.0 Hz, CH₂, C_{5,trans}), 48.29 (CH₂, C_{4,trans}), 46.96, 44.34 (CH₂, C_{3,trans}), 27.22, 26.61, 25.39 (CH₂, C_{1-2,trans}), 21.34 (CH₃, C_{6,trans}); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ ¹³C NMR: 83.51 (d, J = 166.0 Hz, CH₂, C_{1-2,cis}), 52.46 (CH₂, C_{4,cib}), 49.16 (d, J = 20.6 Hz, CH₂, C_{5,cib}), 46.83, 44.55 (CH₂, C_{3,cib}), 27.35, 26.71, 25.33 (CH₂, C_{1-2,cis}), 21.27 (CH₃, C_{6,cib}); <u>Quaternary carbons</u>: δ ¹³C NMR: 174.90 (CO-CH_{3,cis}), 174.17 (CO-CH_{3,trans}), 168.07 (CO-pip,trans), 167.95 (CO-pip,cis). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Methanol-d₄) <u>Rotamer trans</u>: δ: -224.24 (tt, J = 47.4, 26.1 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -223.51 (tt, J = 47.4, 26.1Hz).

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Figure S-34. ¹⁹F-NMR spectrum of compound **11** recorded in *methanol-d*₄ at room temperature.



Figure S-35. ¹H-¹H NOESY spectrum of compound **11** recorded in *methanol-d*₄ at room temperature. Insets showing the specific spatial contacts that are characteristic of each isomer and allowed the identification of *cis* and *trans* signals.





Figure S-37. ¹H-¹³C HSQC spectrum of compound **11** recorded in *methanol-d*₄ at room temperature.



Figure S-38. ¹H-¹³C HMBC spectrum of compound **11** recorded in *methanol-d*₄ at room temperature.

¹H NMR (700MHz, Chloroform-*d*) Rotamer *trans*: δ ¹H NMR: 4.53 (dt, *J*=47.2, 5.0 Hz, 2H, H_{7,trans}), 4.19 (s, 2H, H_{4,trans}), 3.68 (dt, *J* = 25.9, 5.0 Hz, 2H, H_{5,trans}), 3.54-3.27 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq,trans}), 2.12 (s, 3H, H_{6,trans}), 1.74-1.37 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq,trans}); Rotamer *cis*: δ ¹H NMR: 4.54 (dt, *J* = 47.2, 5.0 Hz, 2H, H_{7,trans}), 4.14 (s, 2H, H_{4,cis}), 3.62 (dt, *J* = 25.9, 5.0 Hz, 2H, H_{5,cis}), 3.54-3.27 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq,cis}), 1.97 (s, 3H, H_{6,cis}), 1.74-1.37 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq,cis}). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) Rotamer *trans*: δ ¹¹³C NMR: 81.79 (d, *J* = 170.4 Hz, CH₂, C_{7,trans}); 49.56 (d, *J* = 49.54 (dt, *J* = 49.54 (dt, *J* = 49.55 (d

 $= 20.3 \text{ Hz}, \text{ CH}_2, \text{ C}_{5,trans}), 46.82 (\text{CH}_2, \text{ C}_{4,trans}), 45.98, 43.13 (\text{CH}_2, \text{ C}_{3,trans}), 26.26, 25.46, 24.42 (\text{CH}_2, \text{ C}_{1-2,trans}), 21.31 (\text{CH}_3, \text{ C}_{6,trans}); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: <math>\bar{\delta}^{13}$ C NMR: 83.84 (d, $J = 165.5 \text{ Hz}, \text{ CH}_2, \text{ C}_{7,cis}), 51.52 (\text{CH}_2, \text{ C}_{4,cis}), 47.97 (d, <math>J = 19.0 \text{ Hz}, \text{ CH}_2, \text{ C}_{5,cis}), 45.75, 43.43, (\text{CH}_2, \text{ C}_{3,cis}), 26.41, 25.55, 24.36 (\text{CH}_2, \text{ C}_{1-2,cis}), 21.35 (\text{CH}_3, \text{ C}_{6,cis}); <u>Quaternary carbons</u>: <math>\bar{\delta}^{13}$ C NMR: 171.80 (CO-CH_{3,cis}), 171.18 (CO-CH_{3,trans}), 166.14 (CO-pip_{,trans}), 165.63 (CO-pip_{,cis}). **19F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d)** <u>Rotamer trans</u>: $\bar{\delta}: -222.12$ (tt, J = 47.1, 25.8 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: $\bar{\delta}: -221.42$ (tt, J = 47.1, 25.8 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: $\bar{\delta}: -221.42$ (tt, J = 47.1, 25.8 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: $\bar{\delta}: -221.42$ (tt, J = 47.1, 25.8 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: $\bar{\delta}: -221.42$ (tt, J = 47.1, 25.8 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: $\bar{\delta}: -221.42$ (tt, J = 47.1, 25.8 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: $\bar{\delta}: -221.42$ (tt, J = 47.1, 25.8 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: $\bar{\delta}: -221.42$ (tt, J = 47.1, 25.8 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: $\bar{\delta}: -221.42$ (tt, J = 47.1, 25.8 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: $\bar{\delta}: -221.42$ (tt, J = 47.1, 25.8 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: $\bar{\delta}: -221.42$ (tt, J = 47.1, 25.8 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: $\bar{\delta}: -221.42$ (tt, J = 47.1, 25.8 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: $\bar{\delta}: -221.42$ (tt, J = 47.1, 25.8 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: $\bar{\delta}: -221.42$ (tt, J = 47.1, 25.8 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: $\bar{\delta}: -221.42$ (tt, J = 47.1, 25.8 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: $\bar{\delta}: -221.42$ (tt, J = 47.1, 25.8 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: $\bar{\delta}: -221.42$ (tt, J = 47.1, 25.8 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: $\bar{\delta}: -221.42$ (tt, J = 47.1, 25.8 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: $\bar{\delta}: -221.42$ (tt, $\bar{\delta}: -221$

J = 47.6, 28.80 Hz).





Figure S-41. ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 11 recorded in chloroform-d at room temperature.





Figure S-43. 2D ¹H-¹H NOESY spectrum of compound **11** recorded in chloroform-*d* at room temperature. Inset showing the specific spatial contacts that are characteristic of each isomer and allowed the identification of *cis* and *trans* signals.





Figure S-45. ¹H-¹³C HSQC spectrum of compound 11 recorded in chloroform-*d* at room temperature


Figure S-46. ¹H-¹³C HMBC spectrum of compound **11** recorded in chloroform-*d* at room temperature.

12: Ac-2fEt-pip.



HRMS: calculated for C₁₁H₁₉F₂N₂O₂ 249.1415 [M+H]+, found: 249.1424 Da.



Figure S-47. Structure, HR (QToF)-LC/MS trace and elemental composition of model piperinidyl acetamide 12.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetonitrile-*d*₃) <u>Rotamer trans</u>: δ¹H NMR: 6.05 (tt, *J* = 55.3, 3.9 Hz, 1H, H_{7,trans}), 4.17 (s, 2H, H_{4,trans}), 3.72 (td, *J* = 14.8, 3.9 Hz, 2H, H_{5,trans}), 3.52-3.28 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq,trans}), 2.09 (s, 3H, H_{6,trans}), 1.68-1.43 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq,trans}); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ¹H NMR: 5.93 (tt, *J* = 56.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H, H_{7,ck}), 4.22 (s, 2H, H_{4,ck}), 3.61 (td, *J* = 14.8, 4.3 Hz, 2H, H_{5,cis}), 3.52-3.28 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq,cis}), 1.91 (s, 3H, H_{6,cis}), 1.68-1.43 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq,cis}). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, Acetonitrile-*d*₃) <u>Rotamer trans</u>: δ¹³C NMR: 116.04 (t, *J* = 240.8 Hz, CH, C_{7,trans}); 52.21 (t, *J* = 25.8 Hz, CH₂, C_{5,trans}), 48.89 (CH₂, C_{4,trans}), 46.29, 43.58 (CH₂, C_{3,trans}), 26.93, 26.33, 25.12 (CH₂, C_{1-2,trans}), 21.58 (CH₃, C_{6,trans}); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ¹³C NMR: 115.94 (t, *J* = 240.3 Hz, CH, C_{7,cis}), 52.28 (CH₂, C_{4,ck}), 50.27 (t, *J* = 27.1 Hz, CH₂, C_{5,cis}), 46.23, 43.84 (CH₂, C_{3,cis}), 26.96, 26.37, 25.06 (CH₂, C_{1-2,ck}), 21.50 (CH₃, C_{6,ck}); <u>Quaternary carbons</u>: δ¹³C NMR: 173.47 (CO-CH_{3,cis}), 172.12 (CO-CH_{3,trans}), 166.81 (CO-pip,trans), 166.66 (CO-pip,cis). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Acetonitrile-*d*₃) <u>Rotamer trans</u>: δ¹⁹F NMR: -123.18 (dt, *J* = 55.3, 14.8 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -121.92 (dt, *J* = 56.3, 14.9 Hz).

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Figure S-51. ¹⁹F-NMR spectrum of compound 12 recorded in acetonitrile-d₃ at room temperature.



Figure S-52. ¹H-¹H NOESY spectrum of compound **12** recorded in *acetonitrile-d*₃ at room temperature. Inset showing the specific spatial contacts that are characteristic of each isomer and allowed the identification of *cis* and *trans* signals.



Figure S-53. ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum of compound **12** recorded in *acetonitrile-d*₃ at room temperature.



Figure S-54. ¹H-¹³C HSQC spectrum of compound 12 recorded in *acetonitrile-d*₃ at room temperature



Figure S-55. ¹H-¹³C HMBC spectrum of compound **12** recorded in *acetonitrile-d*₃ at room temperature.

¹H NMR (700 MHz, Methanol-d₄) Rotamer trans: δ ¹H NMR: 6.12 (tt, J = 55.2, 3.7 Hz, 1H, H_{7,trans}), 4.31 (s, 2H, H_{4,trans}), 3.81 (td, J = 14.8, 3.8 Hz, 2H, H_{5,trans}), 3.53-3.41 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq,trans}), 2.20 (s, 3H, H_{6,trans}), 1.75-1.48 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq,trans}); Rotamer cis: δ ¹H NMR: 5.95 (tt, J = 56.2, 4.3 Hz, 1H, H_{7,cis}), 4.41 (s, 2H, H_{4,cis}), 3.70 (td, J = 14.5, 4.3 Hz, 2H, H_{5,cis}), 3.57-3.41 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq,cis}), 2.02 (s, 3H, H_{6,cis}), 1.75-1.48 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq,cis}). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, Methanol-d₄) Rotamer trans: δ ¹³C NMR: 116.01 (t, J = 241.2 Hz, CH, C_{7,trans}); 52.71 (t, J = 56.2, 4.3 Hz, 1H, H_{7,cis}), 4.41 (s, 2H, H_{4,cis}), 3.70 (td, J = 14.5, 4.3 Hz, 2H, H_{5,cis}), 3.57-3.41 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq,cis}), 2.02 (s, 3H, H_{6,cis}), 1.75-1.48 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq,cis}).

¹⁹C NMR (176 MHz, Methanol-d₄) Rotamer trans: δ ¹⁹C NMR: 116.01 (t, J = 241.2 Hz, CH, C_{7,trans}); 52.71 (t, J = 25.6 Hz, CH₂, C_{5,trans}), 49.39 (CH₂, C_{4,trans}), 46.93, 44.35 (CH₂, C_{3,trans}), 27.19, 26.59, 25.36 (CH₂, C_{1-2,trans}), 21.28 (CH₃, C_{6,trans}); Rotamer cis: δ ¹³C NMR: 115.81 (t, J = 240.8 Hz, CH, C_{7,cis}), 52.56 (CH₂, C_{4,cis}), 50.92 (t, J = 27.4, CH₂, C_{5,cis}), 46.78, 44.35 (CH₂, C_{3,cis}), 27.33, 26.68, 25.30 (CH₂, C_{1-2,cis}), 21.20 (CH₃, C_{6,cos}); Quaternary carbons: δ ¹³C NMR: 175.44 (CO-CH_{3,cis}), 174.44 (CO-CH_{3,trans}), 167.84 (CO-pip,trans), 167.67 (CO-pip,cis). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Methanol-d₄) Rotamer trans: δ ¹⁹F NMR: -123.77 (dt, J = 55.2, 14.8 Hz); Rotamer cis: δ: -

¹⁹**F NMR (376 MHz, Methanol-***d*₄) <u>Rotamer *trans*</u>: δ ¹⁹F NMR: -123.77 (dt, *J* = 55.2, 14.8 Hz); <u>Rotamer *cis*</u>: δ: - 122.36 (dt, *J* = 56.2, 14.5).

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Figure S-60. ¹H-¹H NOESY spectrum of compound **12** recorded in *methanol-d*₄ at room temperature. Inset showing the specific spatial contacts that are characteristic of each isomer and allowed the identification of *cis* and *trans* signals.



Figure S-61. ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum of compound 12 recorded in *methanol-d*₄ at room temperature.



Figure S-62. ¹H-¹³C HSQC spectrum of compound **12** recorded in *methanol-d*₄ at room temperature.



Figure S-63. ¹H-¹³C HMBC spectrum of compound 12 recorded in *methanol-d*₄ at room temperature.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) Rotamer *trans*: δ ¹H NMR: 5.92 (ddt, J = 55.1, 53.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H, H_{7,trans}), 4.16 (s, 2H, H_{4,trans}), 3.69 (td, J = 14.5, 3.5 Hz, 2H, H_{5,trans}), 3.46-3.28 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq,trans}), 2.11 (s, 3H, H_{6,trans}), 1.64-1.41 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq,trans}); Rotamer *cis*: δ ¹H NMR: 5.86 (ddt, J = 56.2, 54.2, 4.3 Hz, 1H, H_{7,cis}), 4.09 (s, 2H, H_{4,cis}), 3.60 (td, J = 14.4, 4.6 Hz, 2H, H_{5,cis}), 3.50-3.23 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq,cis}), 1.94 (s, 3H, H_{6,cis}), 1.64-1.41 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq,cis}). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) Rotamer *trans*: δ ¹³C NMR: 114.30 (t, J = 243.0 Hz, CH, C_{7,trans}); 51.55 (t, J = 14.5, J = 1

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) Rotamer *trans*: δ¹³C NMR: 114.30 (t, J = 243.0 Hz, CH, C_{7, trans}); 51.55 (t, J = 25.5 Hz, CH₂, C_{5, trans}), 47.73 (CH₂, C_{4, trans}), 45.81, 43.07 (CH₂, C_{3, trans}), 26.14, 25.34, 24.29 (CH₂, C_{1-2, trans}), 21.16 (CH₃, C_{6, trans}); Rotamer *cis*: δ¹³C NMR: 114.45 (t, J = 241.6 Hz, CH, C_{7, cis}), 51.29 (CH₂, C_{4, cis}), 49.78 (t, J = 26.9 Hz, CH₂, C_{5, cis}), 45.64, 43.37 (CH₂, C_{3, cis}), 26.31, 25.44, 24.21 (CH₂, C_{1-2, cis}), 21.08 (CH₃, C_{6, cis}); Quaternary carbons: δ¹³C NMR: 172.34 (CO-CH_{3, cis}), 171.45 (CO-CH_{3, trans}), 165.73 (CO-pip, trans), 165.13 (CO-pip, cis). ¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) Rotamer *trans*: δ¹⁹F NMR: -121.47 (dt, J = 55.0, 14.6 Hz); Rotamer *cis*: δ: -

120.76 (dt, *J* = 56.2, 14.3 Hz).







Figure S-67. ¹⁹F-NMR spectrum of compound 12 recorded in chloroform-d at room temperature.



Figure S-68. ¹H-¹H NOESY spectrum of compound **12** recorded in chloroform-*d* at room temperature. Insets showing the specific spatial contacts that are characteristic of each isomer and allowed the identification of *cis* and *trans* signals.



Figure S-70. ¹H-¹³C HSQC spectrum of compound 12 recorded in chloroform-d at room temperature



Figure S-71. ¹H-¹³C HMBC spectrum of compound **12** recorded in chloroform-*d* at room temperature.

13: Ac-3fEt-pip.



HRMS: calculated for C₁₁H₁₈F₃N₂O₂ 267.1320 [M+H]+, found: 267.1344 Da.



Figure S-72. Structure, HR (QToF)-LC/MS trace and elemental composition of model piperinidyl acetamide 13.

¹**H NMR (700 MHz, Acetonitrile**-*d*₃) <u>Rotamer trans</u>: δ ¹H NMR: 4.20 (s, 2H, H₄, trans), 4.05 (q, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H, H₅, trans), 3.47-3.31 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq}, trans), 2.12 (s, 3H, H₆, trans), 1.67-1.41 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq}, trans); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ ¹H NMR: 4.25 (s, 2H, H₄, cis), 3.99 (q, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H, H₅, cis), 3.51-3.31 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq}, cis), 1.94 (s, 3H, H₆, cis), 1.67-1.41 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq}, cis).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Acetonitrile-*d*₃) <u>Rotamer trans</u>: δ¹³C NMR: 50.92 (q, J = 32.6 Hz, CH₂, C_{5,trans}), 48.60 (CH₂, C_{4,trans}), 46.26, 43.61 (CH₂, C_{3,trans}), 26.94, 26.35, 25.13 (CH₂, C_{1-2,trans}), 21.43 (CH₃, C_{6,trans}); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ¹³C NMR: 51.74 (CH₂, C_{4,cis}), 47.58 (q, J = 33.1 Hz, CH₂, C_{5,cis}), 46.24, 43.88 (CH₂, C_{3,cis}), 26.95, 26.38, 25.07 (CH₂, C_{1-2,cis}), 21.45 (CH₃, C_{6,cis}); <u>Quaternary carbons</u>: δ¹³C NMR: 126.17 (q, J = 279.5, C_{7,cis}), 126.02 (q, J = 280.0 Hz, C_{7,trans}), 173.60 (CO-CH_{3,cis}), 172.48 (CO-CH_{3,trans}), 166.36 (CO-pip,cis), 166.31 (CO-pip,trans). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d) <u>Rotamer trans</u>: δ¹⁹F NMR: -71.72 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 280.0 Hz, C_{1-2,cis}), 26.94 (t, J = 280.0 Hz, C₁), 172.48 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ: -71.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz); <u>Rotamer </u>













Figure S-76. ¹⁹F-NMR spectrum of compound **13** recorded in *acetonitrile-d*₃ at room temperature.



Figure S-77. ¹H-¹H NOESY spectrum of compound **13** recorded in *acetonitrile-d*₃ at room temperature. Inset showing the specific spatial contacts that are characteristic of each isomer and allowed the identification of *cis* and *trans* signals.



Figure S-78. ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum of compound 13 recorded in *acetonitrile-d*₃ at room temperature.



Figure S-79. ¹H-¹³C HSQC spectrum of compound **13** recorded in *acetonitrile-d*₃ at room temperature



Figure S-80. ¹H-¹³C HMBC spectrum of compound 13 recorded in *acetonitrile-d*₃ at room temperature.

¹H NMR (700 MHz, Methanol-d₄) Rotamer trans: δ¹H NMR: 4.31 (s, 2H, H₄, trans), 4.19 (q, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H, H₅, trans), 3.54-3.39 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq,trans}), 2.21 (s, 3H, H_{6,trans}), 1.75-1.49 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq,trans}); <u>Rotamer *cis*</u>: δ ¹H NMR: 4.45 (s, 2H, H₄, $_{cis}$), 4.08 (q, J = 9.3 Hz, 2H, H₅, $_{cis}$), 3.58-3.39 (m, 4H, H₃, $_{ax+eq}$, $_{cis}$), 2.03 (s, 3H, H₆, $_{cis}$), 1.75-1.49 (m, 6H, H_{1-2, ax+eq}, cis).

¹³C NMR (176 MHz, Methanol-d₄) Rotamer trans: δ^{13} C NMR: 51.35 (q, J = 33.0 Hz, CH₂, C_{5,trans}), 49.85 (CH₂, C_{4,trans}), 46.94, 44.41 (CH₂, C_{3,trans}), 27.19, 26.59, 25.38 (CH₂, C_{1-2,trans}), 21.11 (CH₃, C_{6,trans}); Rotamer cis: δ^{13} C NMR: 52.00 (CH₂, C_{4,ck}), 48.15 (q, J = 33.5 Hz, CH₂, C_{5,cis}), 46.79, 44.56 (CH₂, C_{3,ck}), 27.32, 26.68, 25.31 (CH₂, C₁, 2_{,cis}), 21.14 (CH₃, C_{6,ck}); <u>Quaternary carbons</u>: δ^{13} C NMR: 126.21 (q, J = 279.5, C_{7,cis}), 126.17 (d, J = 279.8 Hz, C_{7,trans}), 175.49 (CO-CH_{3,cis}), 174.66 (CO-CH_{3,trans}), 167.50 (CO-pip,trans), 167.40 (CO-pip,cis). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Methanol-d₄) <u>Rotamer trans</u>: δ^{19} F NMR: -72.46 (t, J = 8.9 Hz); <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ : -72.01 (t, J = 4.00 K = 1.00 K =

9.3 Hz).







Figure S-84. ¹⁹F-NMR spectrum of compound **13** recorded in *methanol-d*₄ at room temperature.



Figure S-85. ¹H-¹H NOESY spectrum of compound **13** recorded in *methanol-d*₄ at room temperature. Inset showing the specific spatial contacts that are characteristic of each isomer and allowed the identification of *cis* and *trans* signals.



Figure S-87. ¹H-¹³C HSQC spectrum of compound **13** recorded in *methanol-d*₄ at room temperature.



Figure S-88. ¹H-¹³C HMBC spectrum of compound 13 recorded in *methanol-d*₄ at room temperature.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-d) <u>Rotamer trans</u>: δ ¹H NMR: 4.28 (s, 2H, H₄, trans), 4.02 (q, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H, -1) H_{5,trans}), 3.54-3.35 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq}, trans), 2.21(s, 3H, H_{6,trans}), 1.72-1.49 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq}, trans); Rotamer cis: δ¹H NMR: 4.19 (s, 2H, H₄, cis), 4.05 (q, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H, H₅, cis), 3.60-3.32 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq+cis}), 2.04 (s, 3H, H_{6,cis}), 1.72-1.49 (m, 6H, H_{1-2, ax+eq}, *cis*).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) Rotamer *trans*: δ^{13} C NMR: 50.54 (q, *J* = 33.1 Hz, CH₂, C_{5,trans}), 46.94 (CH₂, C_{4, trans}), 45.99, 43.31 (CH₂, C_{3, trans}), 26.35, 25.53, 24.49 (CH₂, C_{1-2, trans}), 21.17 (CH₃, C_{6, trans}); Rotamer cis: δ¹³C NMR: 50.30 (CH₂, C_{4,cis}), 46.91 (q, J = 33.3 Hz, CH₂, C_{5,cis}), 45.85, 43.61 (CH₂, C_{3,cis}), 26.58, 25.65, 24.41 (CH₂, C₁, 2_{,cis}), 21.23 (CH₃, C_{6,cis}); <u>Quaternary carbons</u>: δ^{13} C NMR: 124.91 (q, J = 280.1 Hz, C_{7,cis}), 124.64 (q, J = 280.5 Hz, C_{7,trans}), 172.19 (CO-CH_{3,cis}), 171.87 (CO-CH_{3,trans}), 165.67 (CO-pip,trans), 164.91 (CO-pip,cis). **P NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d)** Rotamer trans: δ^{19} F NMR: -70.72 (t, J = 8.7 Hz); Rotamer cis: δ : -70.16 (t, J

= 9.3 Hz).









Figure S-92. ¹⁹F-NMR spectrum of compound 13 recorded in chloroform-d at room temperature.



Figure S-93. ¹H-¹H NOESY spectrum of compound **13** recorded in chloroform-*d* at room temperature. Insets showing the specific spatial contacts that are characteristic of each isomer and allowed the identification of *cis* and *trans* signals.



Figure S-94. ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum of compound 13 recorded in chloroform-d at room temperature.



Figure S-95. ¹H-¹³C HSQC spectrum of compound 13 recorded in chloroform-d at room temperature



Figure S-96. ¹H-¹³C HMBC spectrum of compound **13** recorded in chloroform-*d* at room temperature.

14: Ac-Rpe-pip.



HRMS: calculated for $C_{17}H_{25}N_2O_2$ 289.1916 [M+H]+, found: 289.1928 Da.



Figure S-97. Structure, HR (QToF)-LC/MS trace and elemental composition of model piperinidyl acetamide 14.

¹H NMR (700MHz, Acetonitrile-*d*₃): <u>Rotamer trans</u>: δ¹H NMR: 7.38-7.22 (m, 5H, H_{8-10,trans}), 5.19 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H, H_{5,trans}), 4.29, 3.54 (AB peak, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 2H, H_{4,trans}), 3.50-3.15 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq,trans}), 2.12 (s, 3H, H_{6,trans}), 1.63-1.42 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq,trans}), 1.54 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H, H_{7,trans}). <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ⁻¹H NMR: 7.38-7.22 (m, 5H, H_{8-10,trans}), 5.87 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, H_{5,cis}), 4.03, 3.78 (AB peak, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 2H, H_{4,cis}), 3.50-3.15 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq,trans}), 1.93 (s, 3H, H_{6,cis}), 1.63-1.42 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq,cis}), 1.37 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, H_{7,cis}). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, Acetonitrile-*d*₃): <u>Rotamer trans</u>: δ⁻¹C NMR: 129.47, 128.20, 127,70 (CH, C_{8-10,trans}), 57.14

¹³C NMR (176 MHz, Acetonitrile-*d*₃): Rotamer *trans*: δ ¹³C NMR: 129.47, 128.20, 127,70 (CH, C_{8-10, trans}), 57.14 (CH, C_{5, trans}), 46.42, 43.65 (CH₂, C_{3, trans}), 44.48 (CH₂, C_{4, trans}), 26.97, 26.39, 25.19 (CH₂, C_{1-2, trans}), 22.11 (CH₃, C_{6, trans}), 18.97 (CH₃, C_{7, trans}); Rotamer *cis*: δ ¹³C NMR: 129.20, 128.32, 127.98 (CH, C_{8-10, cis}), 52,00 (CH, C_{5, cis}), 46.33, 43.90 (CH₂, C_{3, cis}), 46.29 (CH₂, C_{4, cis}), 26.97, 26.39, 25.08 (CH₂, C_{1-2, cis}), 22.44 (CH₃, C_{5, cis}), 16.97 (CH₃, C_{7, cis}); Quaternary carbons: δ ¹³C NMR: 172.36 (CO-CH_{3, cis}), 171.12 (CO-CH_{3, trans}), 167.33 (CO-pip, *cis*), 167.15 (CO-pip, *trans*), 142.92 (C_{Ar, trans}), 142.69 (C_{Ar, cis}).







Figure S-99. ¹H-psyche spectrum of compound 14 recorded in acetonitrile-d₃ at room temperature.



Figure S-100. ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 14 recorded in *acetonitrile-d*₃ at room temperature.


Figure S-101. ¹H-¹H NOESY spectrum of compound **14** recorded in *acetonitrile-d*₃ at room temperature. Inset showing the specific spatial contacts that are characteristic of each isomer and allowed the identification of *cis* and *trans* signals.





Figure S-103. ¹H-¹³C HSQC spectrum of compound 14 recorded in *acetonitrile-d*₃ at room temperature.



Figure S-104. ¹H-¹³C HMBC spectrum of compound 14 recorded in acetonitrile-d₃ at room temperature.

¹**H NMR (700M Hz, Methanol-***d*₄): <u>Rotamer trans</u>: δ ¹H NMR: 7.40-7.23 (m, 5H, H_{8-10,trans}), 5.27 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H, H_{5,trans}), 4.37, 3.73 (AB peak, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 2H, H_{4,trans}), 3.57-3.19 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq,trans}), 2.23 (s, 3H, H_{6,trans}), 1.70-1.31 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq,trans}), 1.59 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H, H_{7,trans}). <u>Rotamer cis</u>: δ ¹H NMR: 7.40-7.23 (m, 5H, H_{8-10,trans}), 5.93 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H, H_{5,cis}), 4.16, 3.90 (AB peak, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 2H, H_{4,cis}), 3.59-3.17 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq,cis}), 2.04 (s, 3H, H_{6,cis}), 1.70-1.31 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq,cis}), 1.44 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, H_{7,cis}).

¹³C NMR (176 MHz, Methanol-d₄): Rotamer trans: \overline{o} ¹³C NMR: 129.78, 128.63, 127.79 (CH, C_{8-10, trans}), 57.99 (CH, C_{5, trans}), 46.99, 44.42 (CH₂, C_{3, trans}), 44.83 (CH₂, C_{4, trans}), 27.15, 26.56, 25.37 (CH₂, C_{1-2, trans}), 21.73 (CH₃, C_{6, trans}), 18.86 (CH₃, C_{7, trans}); Rotamer cis: \overline{o} ¹³C NMR: 129.47, 128.89, 128.57 (CH, C_{8-10, cis}), 52.98 (CH, C_{5, cis}), 46.80, 44.49 (CH₂, C_{3, cis}), 46.34 (CH₂, C_{4, cis}), 27.19, 26.61, 25.23 (CH₂, C_{1-2, cis}), 22.19 (CH₃, C_{6, cis}), 16.62 (CH₃, C_{7, cis}); Quaternary carbons: \overline{o} ¹³C NMR: 174.60 (CO-CH_{3, cis}), 173.64 (CO-CH_{3, trans}), 168.04 (CO-pip, trans), 167.91 (CO-pip, cis), 142.33 (C_{Ar, cis}), 141.48 (C_{Ar, trans}).

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Figure S-105. ¹H-NMR spectrum of compound 14 recorded in *methanol-d*₄ at room temperature.









Figure S-108. ¹H-¹H NOESY spectrum of compound **14** recorded in *methanol-d*₄ at room temperature. Inset showing the specific spatial contacts that are characteristic of each isomer and allowed the identification of *cis* and *trans* signals.



Figure S-110. ¹H-¹³C HSQC spectrum of compound 14 recorded in *methanol-d*₄ at room temperature.



Figure S-111. ¹H-¹³C HMBC spectrum of compound 14 recorded in *methanol-d*₄ at room temperature.

¹H NMR (700MHz, Chloroform-*d*): Rotamer *trans*: δ ¹H NMR: 7.35-7.18 (m, 5H, H_{8-10,trans}), 5.13 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H, H_{5,trans}), 4.37, 3.34 (AB peak, J = 15.9 Hz, 2H, H_{4,trans}), 3.53-3.07 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq,trans}), 2.20 (s, 3H, H_{6,trans}), 1.60-1.40 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq,trans}), 1.60 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, H_{7,trans}). Rotamer *cis*: δ ¹H NMR: 7.35-7.18 (m, 5H, H_{8-10,trans}), 6.07 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H, H_{5,cis}), 3.81, 3.62 (AB peak, J = 17.7 Hz, 2H, H_{4,cis}), 3.53-3.07 (m, 4H, H_{3,ax+eq,trans}), 2.02 (s, 3H, H_{6,cis}), 1.60-1.40 (m, 6H, H_{1-2,ax+eq,cis}), 1.39 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, H_{7,cis}). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): Rotamer *trans*: δ ¹³C NMR: 128.63, 127.42, 126.38 (CH, C_{8-10,trans}), 56.25

¹³C NMR (176 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): Rotamer *trans*: δ ¹³C NMR: 128.63, 127.42, 126.38 (CH, C_{8-10,*trans*), 56.25 (CH, C_{5,*trans*), 45.63, 43.28 (CH₂, C_{3,*trans*), 43.59 (CH₂, C_{4,*trans*), 26.15 25.39, 24.36 (CH₂, C_{1-2,*trans*), 21.62 (CH₃, C_{6,*trans*), 18.16 (CH₃, C_{7,*trans*); Rotamer *cis*: δ ¹³C NMR: 128.26, 127.61, 127.24 (CH, C_{8-10,*cis*), 50.84 (CH, C_{5,*cis*), 45.89, 43.15 (CH₂, C_{3,*cis*), 45.02 (CH₂, C_{4,*cis*), 26.07, 25.32, 24.18 (CH₂, C_{1-2,*cis*), 21.96 (CH₃, C_{6,*cis*), 15.93 (CH₃, C_{7,*cis*); Quaternary carbons: δ ¹³C NMR: 171.66 (CO-CH_{3,*cis*}), 170.76 (CO-CH_{3,*trans*), 166.09 (CO-pip,*trans*), 165.86 (CO-pip,*cis*), 140.99 (C_{Ar,*trans*), 140.60 (C_{Ar,*cis*)}.}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}











Figure S-115. ¹H-¹H NOESY spectrum of compound **14** recorded in chloroform-*d* at room temperature. Inset showing the specific spatial contacts that are characteristic of each isomer and allowed the identification of *cis* and *trans* signals.



Figure S-117. ¹H-¹³C HSQC spectrum of compound 14 recorded in chloroform-*d* at room temperature



Figure S-118. ¹H-¹³C HMBC spectrum of compound **14** recorded in chloroform-*d* at room temperature.

K_{cis/trans} numeric evaluation:

General procedure for NMR $K_{cis/trans}$ **determination:** $K_{cis/trans}$ has been in all cases determined using at least two ¹H-NMR spectrums, and it is reported as the average value of the ratio between the *cis* and *trans* pairs of signals arising from the three main protons involved in the isomerization process: the backbone methylene protons (in general denoted as H4 through all the structures), the side chain methylene protons (H5) and the methyl-acetyl hydrogens (H6). Mean values are given with the corresponding standard deviation for n=6, otherwise the corresponding sampling numbers has been noted in the main text. In fluorinated systems, where $K_{cis/trans}$ could also be evaluated independently from ¹⁹F-NMR experiments, a second average value of the equilibrium constant is reported separately for comparison and verification purposes. Good agreement was obtained in all cases. A complete set of the Individually assessed and averaged values observed in each solvent is given in following supporting Tables S1-S3.

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ttary Table 1. NMR (CD ₃ CN) spectroscopic evaluation of the amide <i>cis/trans</i> equilibrium in peptoid dim er	14-NNR/CD3CO
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p	1H4.cis.tranz (1)	¹ H4,cis/tranz (2)	lH5,cistrans (1)	¹ H5,cic/trans (2)	1H 6,cistrans (1)	¹ H _{6,cis} trars (2)	AVGKcistraus	(kcal/mol)	¹² F-NMR (CD ₃ CN) Kcistraus
	0.65	0.67	0.48	0.58	0.69	0.68	0.66±0.07	0.28±0.08	•
	1.19	1.11	132	1.22	1.08	1.08	1.15±0.09	-0.09±0.04	1.07
	2.00	2.21	2.11	1.95	2.10	1.83	2.05±0.12	-0.42±0.04	2.02
	2.45	2.33	2.15	2.15			2.24±0.12	-0.48±0.03	2.36
	2.05	2.17	1.84	2.05	2.22	2.11	2.08±0.12	-0.43±0.04	ı

Supplementary Table 2. NMR (CD3OD) spectroscopic evaluation of the amide cis/trans equilibrium in peptoid dimers 10-14

INGACE 105 NAME (COLOR)	APCKeispans (Izal/mol) Keispans	0.51±0.04 0.43±0.05 -	0.74±0.07 0.16±0.05 1.07	1.17±0.04 -0.09±0.02 2.02	1.23±0.03 -0.13±0.01 2.36	1.35±0.04 -0.18±0.02
	¹ H _{6,cis} traus (2)	0.52	0.73	1.18	1.22	1.32
	¹ H _{6,ci5} traec (1)	0.41	0.72	1.15	1.23	1.34
(CD3OD)	1H5,cizhtanz (2)	0.52	0.91	1.11	1.24	1.40
¹ H-NMR	¹ H5,cis/trans (1)	0.52	0.80	1.22	1.30	1.40
	¹ H4,cis/trans (2)	0.50	0.70	1.16	1.23	1.30
	1H4,cicitrans (1)	0.48	0.76	1.21	1.27	1.37
	Product	10	11	12	13	14

Supplementary Table 3. NMR(CDCl3) spectroscopic evaluation of the amide cis/trans equilibrium in peptoid dimers 10.14

	F-NMK (CDCl3) Kcistrats	,	0.72	1.20	1.30	
S TOAT	(kcal/mol)	0.97±0.01	0.16±0.02	-0.16±0.03	0.35±0.007	0.05±0.04
	AVGKcistrans	0.19±0.01 ^a	0.76±0.03	1.28 ± 0.08	0.54±0.06	0.94±0.05
	¹ Η _{δ,c±tranz} (2)	0.19	0.74	1.30	0.49	0.94
	¹ H _{θ,ciz} tranz (1)	0.19	0.77	1.27	0.58	0.81
(CDCl3)	¹ H5,cizitranz (2)	,		1.41	,	86.0
¹ H-NMR	$^{1}_{H_{5,cistrans}}$ (1)			1.44		0.91
	¹ H _{4cti} tranz (2)	0.20	0.72	1.24	0.50	0.94
	¹ H _{4,cis/trans} (1)	0.20	0.80	1.24	59:0	96.0
	Product	10	11	12	13	14
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Analysis of the NMR vicinal ³J_{H-F} coupling constants:

In order to gain further evidence regarding its possible *gauche* structural disposition, a qualitative analysis was performed based in the comparison of the observed vicinal ${}^{3}J_{HF}$ coupling constants and the theoretical limit values of the corresponding possible staggered conformations (no conformational bias), as reported through the main text and schematized in **Figure 3**. As highlighted, this analysis may be considered merely an indicative of the structure in solution rather than an evidence, even through in cases where the coupling constants between the model staggered conformations show a high difference in value, it provides acurate information regarding the overall preferred disposition of the F atoms.^[3,4] For the calculations, we have employed in all cases the limit values as taken from Ihrig and Smith,^[5] and used by O'Hagan and co-workers in similar systems.^[6] Limit values are: ${}^{3}J_{HF,ant}= 32$ Hz and ${}^{3}J_{HF,gauche} = 8$ Hz. Note that the values may be understood as a qualitative approximation. The complete set of observed vicinal coupling ${}^{3}J_{HF,obs}$ for each *cis/trans* structure and solvent is summarized in following supplementary Table S4.

 ${}^{3}_{J_{HF,calc}}$ (**11-***gauche*)= $[{}^{3}_{J_{HF,anti}}$ + 2 x ${}^{3}_{J_{HF,gauche}}]$ / 2 = 20 Hz ${}^{3}_{J_{HF,calc}}$ (**11-***anti*)= [2 x ${}^{3}_{J_{HF,gauche}}]$ / 2 = 8 Hz

 ${}^{3}_{J_{HF,calc}} (12-(+/-)gauche) = [{}^{3}_{J_{HF,anti}} + 2 \times {}^{3}_{J_{HF,gauche}}] / 2 = 20 \text{ Hz}$ ${}^{3}_{J_{HF,calc}} (12-(anti, (+/-)gauche)) = [{}^{3}_{J_{HF,anti}} + 3 \times {}^{3}_{J_{HF,gauche}}] / 4 = 14 \text{ Hz}$

 ${}^{3}J_{HF,calc}$ (13-(+gauche, anti, -gauche))= $[2 \times {}^{3}J_{HF,anti} + 4 \times {}^{3}J_{HF,gauche}] / 6 = 16$ Hz

		${}^{3}J_{H-F}$ ((CDCl ₃)			${}^{3}J_{H-F}$ (CD ₃ CN)			${}^{3}J_{H-F}$ (C	(D_3OD)	
Entry	¹ H-	psyche	¹⁹ F-	NMR	¹ H- <i>p</i>	osyche	¹⁹ F-]	NMR	¹ H- <i>p</i>	syche	¹⁹ F-N	NMR
	cis	trans	cis	trans	cis	trans	cis	trans	cis	trans	cis	trans
11	28.78	25.79	28.80	25.78	25.57	25.83	25.68	25.89	26.17	26.12	26.11	26.13
12	14.17	14.60	14.26	14.64	14.83	14.82	14.87	14.82	14.49	14.76	14.49	14.77
13	-	-	9.28	8.75	9.56	9.06	9.57	9.04	9.30	8.85	9.33	8.87

Table S-4. Experimental vicinal ${}^{3}J_{H-F}$ coupling constants determined for *cis* and *trans* isomers of model acetamides **11-13**, in each corresponding solvent. For its comparison, the evaluation in the basis of ¹H-NMR (*psyche*) and ¹⁹F-NMR signals are given separately.^[7,8]

X-Ray Crystal structure data:

Sample crystallization: 20 mg of the purified compounds were dissolved using a minimum amount of AcOEt and then hexane was added dropwise until precipitation was observed. Further AcOEt was then added to clear solutions. Samples were then left for slow evaporation at room temperature.

Crystallographic data of compound 12: Ac-^{2F}Et-pip



Figure S-119. Crystal structure of peptoid dimer 12 (CCDC-1567326) with thermal ellipsoids drawn at the 50 % probability level.

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Empirical formula	$C_{11}H_{18}F_2N_2O_2$	µ/mm⁻¹	0.113
Formula weight	248.27	F(000)	528.0
Temperature/K	120.0	Crystal size/mm ³	0.29 × 0.28 × 0.12
Crystal system	tetragonal	Radiation	ΜοΚα (λ = 0.71073)
Space group	P41	20 range for data collection/°	4.56 to 57
a/Å	8.9275(4)	Index ranges	-11 ≤ h ≤ 11, -11 ≤ k ≤ 11, -20 ≤ l ≤ 20
b/Å	8.9275(4)	Reflections collected	24571
c/Å	15.3498(8)	Independent reflections	1600 [R _{int} = 0.0394, R _{sigma} = 0.0172]
α/°	90.00	Data/restraints/parameters	1600/11/172
β/°	90.00	Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.076
γ/°	90.00	Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0546$, $wR_2 = 0.1417$
Volume/Å ³	1223.38(10)	Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0562$, $wR_2 = 0.1432$
z	4	Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.43/-0.28
ρ _{calc} g/cm ³	1.348		

Crystallographic data of compound 13: Ac-^{3F}Et-pip



Figure S-120. Crystal structure of peptoid dimer 13 (CCDC-1567327) with thermal ellipsoids drawn at the 50 % probability level.

Table S-6. Crystal dat	a and structure refinement	t parameters of peptoid dimer 13
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Empirical formula	$C_{11}H_{17}F_3N_2O_2$	µ/mm⁻¹	0.121
Formula weight	266.26	F(000)	560.0
Temperature/K	120	Crystal size/mm ³	0.361 × 0.257 × 0.056
Crystal system	monoclinic	Radiation	ΜοΚα (λ = 0.71073)
Space group	P21/c	20 range for data collection/°	4.994 to 60.18
a/Å	11.6819(5)	Index ranges	-16 ≤ h ≤ 16, -16 ≤ k ≤ 16, -13 ≤ l ≤ 13
b/Å	11.6693(5)	Reflections collected	26521
c/Å	9.8470(4)	Independent reflections	3857 [R _{int} = 0.0361, R _{sigma} = 0.0261]
α/°	90	Data/restraints/parameters	3857/0/165
β/°	102.4584(16)	Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.025
٧/°	90	Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0390$, $wR_2 = 0.0967$
Volume/Å ³	1310.73(10)	Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0510$, $wR_2 = 0.1037$
z	4	Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.35/-0.29
ρ _{calc} g/cm ³	1.349		

Model peptoid synthesis and characterization

Synthesis of peptoid oligomers Pep1-7: All peptoids were synthetized using the well described sub-monomer approach. Fmoc-protected Rink Amide resin (50mg, loading 0.84mol g⁻¹) was swollen in DMF and de-protected with piperidine for 15 minutes at room temperature (20% in DMF, 2 mL). The resin was then treated with bromoacetyl bromide (1 mL, 0.6M in DMF) and DIC (0.2 mL, 50% v/v in DMF) for 30 min and washed with DMF (4X, 2 mL) before the desired amine sub-monomer was added (1 mL, 1.2M in DMF), the mixture shaken for 60-120 min, and the resin washed again (DMF, 2mL, 4X). Bromoacetylation and bromine displacement steps were repeated until the target sequence was achieved. Final peptoids were cleaved off the resin by treatment with a 95:2.5:2.5% v/v TFA:TIPS:H₂O solution (1mL) for 15 min while shaking at RT, after what the cleavage cocktail was filtered over diethyl ether (15mL) and the solid residue let for precipitation overnight at -20°C. The crude peptoids obtained by decanting the ether layer were further washed with chilled Et₂O prior to be dissolved in water and freeze-dried overnight. Purification of the peptoids was achieved by reverse phase semi -preparative HPLC and their identity confirmed by Maldi-TOF and HR-(QTOF)-LC/MS. Final purity of the target compounds was found to be in all cases >95%, as assessed by analytical HPLC at λ =220m.

HPLC, Maldi-TOF and HR-MS Characterization

Pep.1-Pep.7.	
oligomers	
of peptoid	
data	
Table S-7. Characterization	

		Analytica	HPLC	Estimate	d Yields	Acc. Mass spectr	ometry
Peptoid	Sequence	Retention	Purity	Isolated	Yield (%)	Calc. Mass (Da)	Obs. Mass
		time (min)	(%)	mass (mg)			(Da)
Pep.1	[NLys-NEt-NSpe][NLys-NEt-NEt]4	10.15	≥95%	21.2	26.7	[M+2H] ²⁺ , 793.0369	793.0380
Pep.2	[NLys-N1/Et-NSpe][NLys-N1/Et-NEt]4	10.40	≥95%	16.8	20.1	[M+H] ⁺ , 1675.0210	1675.0192
Pep.3	[NLys-N2fEt-NSpc][NLys-N2fEt-NEt]4	10.99	≥98%	13.7	15.6	[M+2H] ²⁺ , 882.9908	882.9882
Pep.4	[NLys-N3fEt-NSpe][NLys-N3fEt-NEt]4	12.88	≥98%	8.2	8.8	[M+2H] ²⁺ , 927.9673	927.9654
Pep.5	[NLys-N <i>lf</i> Et-NSpc][NLys-N <i>lf</i> Et-N <i>lf</i> Et]4	9.48	≥98%	13.3	15.2	[M+H] ⁺ , 1746.9833	1746.9822
Pep.6	[NLys-N2fEt-NSpe][NLys-N2fEt-N2fEt]4	12.43	≥95%	7.7	8.1	[M+H] ⁺ , 1908.8986	1908.8895
Pep.7	[NLys-N3fEt-NSpe][NLys-N3fEt-N3fEt]4	14.16	≥ 98%	17.9	17.3	[M+2H] ²⁺ , 1035.9108	1035.9092

Pep.1: [NLysNEtNSpe] [NLysNEtNEt]₄.

Analytical HPLC:





Maldi-ToF:



Figure S-121. Maldi-ToF spectra acquired for model peptoid Pep.1.



Figure S-122. HRMS (QToF-MS-ES+) trace of Pep.1.

Pep.2: [NLysN1fEtNSpe] [NLysN1fEtNEt]₄.







Maldi-ToF:







Figure S-125. Experimentally observed exact mass measured Pep.2.

Pep.3: [NLysN2fEtNSpe] [NLysN2fEtNEt]₄.







Figure S-127. Maldi-ToF spectra acquired for model peptoid Pep.3.





Pep.4: [NLysN3fEtNSpe] [NLysN3fEtNEt]₄.







Maldi-ToF:



Figure S-130. Maldi-ToF spectra acquired for model peptoid Pep.4.



Figure S-131. HRMS (QToF-MS-ES+) trace of Pep.4.

Pep.5: [NLysN1fEtNSpe] [NLysN1fEtN1fEt]₄.











Figure S-134. HRMS (QToF-MS-ES+) trace of Pep.5.

Pep.6: [NLysN2fEtNSpe] [NLysN2fEtN2fEt]₄.













Figure S-137. HRMS (QToF-MS-ES+) trace of Pep.6.

m/z

Pep.7: [NLysN3fEtNSpe] [NLysN3fEtN3fEt]₄. Analytical HPLC:







Figure S-139. Maldi-ToF spectra acquired for model peptoid Pep.7.



Figure S-140. HRMS (QToF-MS-ES+) trace of Pep.7.

CD spectra studies:

TFA content evaluation: Prior to CD spectra studies, 10mg of each peptoid were subject to 3 consecutive cycles of freeze-drying in deionized water over several days (50ml). Then the content of TFA present in each sample was assessed by ¹⁹F-NMR (H₂O/MeOD 90:10). In fluorinated peptoids the signals arising from the side chains was employed as an internal standard of the number of florine present, giving a direct measure of the TFA/Peptoid ratio. In control peptoid **Pep.1**, 5 μ l of a hexafluorobenze reference solution were spiked in the sample (10 μ I/ml, HFB), and the TFA content evaluated in its basis. In all cases a total of 6 TFA counterions per peptoid molecule was found, in agreement with the presence of 6 positive charges (Figure S-141).

General method for sample preparation and analysis: For CD spectra studies, a 2 mg/ml stock solution in water was made for every peptoid, and their individual concentrations corrected in the basis of the amount of trifluoroacetate present. Two exceptions were made to this general protocol: a more diluted 1mg/ml stock solution was prepared for the less soluble in water [NLys-N^{ff}Et-NSpe][NLys-N^{ff}Et -NEt]₄ peptoid and 1.5X more concentrated samples were measured for the negative control [NLys-NEt-NSpe][NLys-NEt-NEt]₄ due to the weak signal observed. To every raw recorded spectra the signal arising from the solvent was substracted and the resulting spectra in ellipticity units (mdeg) converted into the corresponding molar ellipticity $M_{0,218}$ (deg.cm².dmol⁻¹). Finally, all curves were smoothed using Origin® Software (second order polynomial Savitzky-Golay filter). All numerical data is reported as the average value calculated from at least three different concentrations for each peptoid; corresponding standard deviations are given for a sampling number of n=3. Standard deviation for relative increases (i.e. $\Delta M_{0,218}/nf$) have been calculated according to the error propagation theory. All conditions where peptoid aggregation has been observed have been obviated in the analysis. For representation purposes through the paper, the average curve from the three measures has been employed. All main CD spectra parameters for peptoids **Pep.1-Pep.7** are summarized in following Table S-8.

Peptoid	^[a] $M_{0,218} * 10^{-3}$ (deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹)	$^{[b]}\Delta M_{\theta,218}/n_{f}*10^{-3} \\ (deg.cm^{2}.dmol^{-1})$	
Pep.1	-9.63±0.45	0.000	0.64±0.03
Pep. 2	-16.29±1.04	1.33±0.23	1.09±0.07
Рер. 3	-22.27±2.45	2.53±0.50	1.48±0.16
Pep. 4	-26.63±1.56	3.40±0.32	1.76±0.10
Pep. 5	-23.56±0.47	1.55±0.07	1.57±0.03
Pep. 6	-35.09±1.10	2.83±0.13	2.34±0.07
Pep. 7	-33.69±1.14	2.67±0.14	2.25±0.08

Table S-8. Main CD spectra parameters of peptoid oligomers Pep.1-Pep.7.

Average main CD spectra parameters as determined for peptoids **Pep.1-7** from three different concentrations in H₂O. [a] $M_{0,218}$: Molar ellipticity; [b] $M_{0,218}/nf$. Increase in molar ellipticity per fluorinated residue incorporated; [c] $M_{0,218,RES}$: per amide mean molar ellipticity. Corresponding standard deviation given in all cases in the basis of n=3. n_f = number of ethylamine residues replaced.



Figure S-141. ¹⁹F-NMR analysis of the relative TFA content present in model peptoids Pep.1-7.

CD spectra analysis:

Pep.1: [NLysNEtNSpe] [NLysNEtNEt]₄.





Figure S-142. Non-processed CD spectrums recorded in water by using increasing concentrations of model peptoid Pep.1 at room temperature.

[NLysNEtNSpe][NLysNEtNEt]__WATER



Figure S-143. Finally converted and smoothed M_{Θ} vs. λ spectrums at 3 different concentrations of model peptoid **Pep.1** selected for the estimation of the reported data in water (solid gray lines). Averaged curve employed for representation purposes in red.

Table S-9. Individual and averaged CD spectra parameters of Pep.1 in H_2O .^[a]

M _{0,218 (1)} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	M _{0,220 (1)} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	M _{0,220 (1)} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	M _{0,220 (1)} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	M _{0,220 (1)} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	M _{0,220 (1)} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	AVG M _{θ,218} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	± SD *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹
-9.865	-15.792	-9.923	-16.015	-9.114	-12.049	-9.63	0.45

Pep.2: [NLysN^{1f}EtNSpe] [NLysN^{1f} EtNEt]₄.



Figure S-144. Non-processed CD spectrums recorded in water by using increasing concentrations of model peptoid Pep.2 at room temperature



[NLysN1fEtNSpe][NLysN1fEtNEt]₄_WATER

Figure S-145. Finally converted and smoothed M_{Θ} vs. λ spectrums at 3 different concentrations of model peptoid **Pep.2** selected for the estimation of the reported data in water (solid gray lines). Averaged curve employed for representation purposes in red.

Table S-10. Individual and averaged CD spectra parameters of Pep.2 in H₂O.^[a]

$\underset{deg.cm^{2}.dmol^{-1}}{M_{\theta,218}} (1)^{*10^{-3}}$	M _{0,220 (1)} *10 ⁻³	M _{θ,220 (1)} *10 ⁻³	M _{0,220 (1)} *10 ⁻³	M _{0,220 (1)} *10 ⁻³	M _{0,220 (1)} *10 ⁻³	^{AVG} M _{θ,218} *10 ⁻³	± SD *10 ⁻³
	deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹					
-17.490	-24.557	-15.688	-20.630	-15.689	-21.890	-16.29	1.04

Pep.3: [NLysN^{2f} EtNSpe] [NLysN^{2f} EtNEt]₄.



Figure S-146. Non-processed CD spectrums recorded in water by using increasing concentrations of model peptoid Pep.3 at room temperature



ysN2fEtNSpe][NLysN2fEtNEt]₄_WATER

Figure S-147. Finally converted and smoothed M_{Θ} vs. λ spectrums at 3 different concentrations of model peptoid **Pep.3** selected for the estimation of the reported data in water (solid gray lines). Averaged curve employed for representation purposes in red.

Table S-11. Individual and averaged CD spectra parameters of Pep.3 in H_2O .^[a]

$\underset{deg.cm^{2}.dmol^{-1}}{M_{\theta,218}}$	M _{0,220 (1)} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	M _{0,220 (1)} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	M _{0,220 (1)} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	M _{0,220 (1)} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	M _{0,220 (1)} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	AVG M _{θ,218} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	± SD *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹
-24.289	-32.206	-22.973	-27.732	-19.546	-27.527	-22.27	2.45

Pep.4: [NLysN^{3f}EtNSpe] [NLysN^{3f}EtNEt]₄.



Figure S-148. Non-processed CD spectrums recorded in water by using increasing concentrations of model peptoid **Pep.4** at room temperature.



[NLysN3fEtNSpe][NLysN3fEtNEt]₄_WATER

Figure S-149. Finally converted and smoothed M_{Θ} vs. λ spectrums at 3 different concentrations of model peptoid **Pep.4** selected for the estimation of the reported data in water (solid gray lines). Averaged curve employed for representation purposes in red.

Table S-12. Individual and averaged CD spectra parameters of Pep.4 in H₂O.^[a]

$\underset{deg.cm^{2}.dmol^{-1}}{M_{\theta,218}} (1)^{*10^{-3}}$	$M_{\theta,220~(1)} {}^{*10^{-3}}_{\text{deg.cm}^2\text{.dmol}^{-1}}$	$M_{\theta,220~(1)} \ {}^{*10^{-3}}_{\text{deg.cm}^2,\text{dmol}^{-1}}$	$M_{\theta,220~(1)} {}^{*10^{-3}}_{\text{deg.cm}^2\text{.dmol}^{-1}}$	$M_{\theta,220~(1)} {}^{*10^{-3}}_{deg.cm^{2}.dmol^{-1}}$	$M_{\theta,220~(1)} \ {}^{*10^{-3}}_{\text{deg.cm}^2,\text{dmol}^{-1}}$	AVG M _{0,218} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	± SD *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹
-25.645	-31.623	-28.424	-33.273	-25.824	-29.487	-26.63	1.56

Pep.5: [NLysN^{1f}EtNSpe] [NLysN^{1f}EtN^{1f}Et]₄.



Figure S-150. Non-processed CD spectrums recorded in water by using increasing concentrations of model peptoid Pep.5 at room temperature



[NLysN1fEtNSpe][NLysN1fEtN1fEt],_WATER

Figure S-151. Finally converted and smoothed M_{Θ} vs. λ spectrums at 3 different concentrations of model peptoid **Pep.5** selected for the estimation of the reported data in water (solid gray lines). Averaged curve employed for representation purposes in red.

Table S-13. Individual and averaged CD spectra parameters of Pep.5 in H₂O.^[a]

$\underset{deg.cm^{2}.dmol^{-1}}{M_{\theta,218}} (1)^{*10^{-3}}$	$M_{\theta,220}_{(1)}{}^{*10^{-3}}_{deg.cm^{2}.dmol^{-1}}$	$M_{\theta,220~(1)} \ {}^{*10^{-3}}_{\text{deg.cm}^2\text{.dmol}^{-1}}$	$M_{\theta,220}_{(1)} {}^{*10^{-3}}_{deg.cm^2.dmol^{-1}}$	$M_{\theta,220}_{(1)} {}^{*10^{-3}}_{deg.cm^2.dmol^{-1}}$	$\underset{deg.cm^{2}.dmol^{-1}}{M_{\theta,220}} (1)^{*10^{-3}}$	AVG M _{0,218} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	± SD *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹
-23.434	-27.163	-23.166	-20.019	-24.078	-19.536	-23.56	0.47

Pep.6: [NLysN^{2f}EtNSpe] [NLysN^{2f}EtN^{2f}Et]₄.



Figure S-152. Non-processed CD spectrums recorded in water by using increasing concentrations of model peptoid Pep.6 at room temperature



Figure S-153. Finally converted and smoothed M_{Θ} vs. λ spectrums at 3 different concentrations of model peptoid Pep.6 selected for the estimation of the reported data in water (solid gray lines). Averaged curve employed for representation purposes in red.

Table S-14. Individual and averaged CD spectra parameters of Pep.6 in H₂O.^[a]

$\underset{deg.cm^{2}.dmol^{-1}}{M_{\theta,218}} (1)^{*10^{-3}}$	M _{0,220 (1)} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	M _{θ,220 (1)} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	M _{θ,220 (1)} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	M _{0,220 (1)} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	M _{0,220 (1)} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	AVG M _{θ,218} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	± SD *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹
-34.233	-32.252	-34.707	-30.189	-36.339	-24.355	-35.09	1.10

Pep.7: [NLysN^{3f}EtNSpe] [NLysN^{3f}EtN^{3f}Et]₄.



Figure S-154. Non-processed CD spectrums recorded in water by using increasing concentrations of model peptoid Pep.7 at room temperature.



Figure S-155. Finally converted and smoothed M_{Θ} vs. λ spectrums at 3 different concentrations of model peptoid **Pep.7** selected for the estimation of the reported data in water (solid gray lines). Averaged curve employed for representation purposes in red.

Table S-15. Individual and averaged CD spectra parameters of Pep.7 in H_2O .^[a]

$\underset{deg.cm^{2}.dmol^{-1}}{M_{\theta,218}} (1)^{*10^{-3}}$	M _{0,220 (1)} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	M _{0,220 (1)} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	M _{0,220 (1)} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	$\underset{deg.cm^{2}.dmol^{-1}}{M_{\theta,220}} (1) * 10^{-3}$	M _{0,220 (1)} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	AVG M _{θ,218} *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹	± SD *10 ⁻³ deg.cm ² .dmol ⁻¹
-33.330	-31.200	-32.774	-28.424	-34.975	-32.814	-33.69	1.14

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